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North Hollywood Man Charged for 101 High-Speed Pursuit

A 40-year-old North Hollywood man has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder and other charges involving a high-speed pursuit that began in Agoura Hills and ended in Reseda, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

James Anthony Vazquez (dob 7/7/74) was charged with one count of attempted murder of a peace officer and two counts each of assault with a deadly weapon and evading officer in case LA078964.

Vazquez entered his plea late yesterday. A preliminary hearing is scheduled on Sept. 9 in Department 112 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The defendant led police on a high-speed pursuit that began after an attempted traffic stop at the 101 Freeway and Reyes Adobe Road on Aug. 25, prosecutors said. At one point during the chase, Vazquez made a U-turn towards a California Highway Patrol officer attempting to pull him over, prosecutors added.

Believing he had escaped the police, Vazquez allegedly changed the vehicle's license plate. The pursuit resumed before ending with a crash at Reseda and Burbank boulevards.

His bail has been set at more than \$1 million.

If convicted of all charges, Vazquez faces a maximum possible sentence of more than 21 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol, West Valley Station.

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